Afghan Fighting Kills Over 40 Fighters in 24 Hours: Officials

ZABUL — At least 43 fighters including three police personnel and a Taliban commander were killed during fighting between government forces and the Taliban group in the country over the past 24 hours, officials said.

The government forces stormed Taliban hideouts in parts of the restive Helmand province over the past 24 hours, killing 12 insurgents including a Taliban emir commander Malal Shah Agha, said a statement of the army released on Saturday.

Malal Shah Agha, along with five of his armed men, were killed in Sangin on Friday after his hideout came under fighting aircraft’s attack, the statement said, adding over a dozen more insurgents have been injured in the province. (More on P.4-5)

Casualties as Taliban, Uprising Forces Clash in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN — At least two uprising members and as many Taliban militants have been killed during a clash in the Qurgan district of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

Fawad Aziz, the governor’s spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News militants stormed the uprising forces security posts in the district late Saturday night.

The ensuing clash left two uprising members and as many Taliban militants and a dead civilian wounded.

Ahmad Amin Samim, who owns a grocery store in Taimani area of Kabul, said the price of petrol cost 49 Afghanis and the price of diesel fuel increased to 2,550afs while the same quantity of Arabian gold increased from 2,500afs to 2,550avs.

Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News traders union head in Kabul, market sources said Sunday.

The prices of sugar and Kazakhstani flour have dipped while Pakistani rice cost 2,000afs and a tin of Khesa cooking oil of 1,000afs, the same rates of last week’s.

Nizar Ahmad Khalikuhi, a tea seller in Kabul Mandari, said a kilogram of Indo-Gurman gold cost 3800afs and the same amount of African black tea 380afs — same prices as last week’s.

Ahmad Samim, who owns a grocery store in Taimani area of Kabul, said a kilogram of Kazakhstani flour for 4,900afs, 4,9kg bag of sugar for 1,750afs, 4,9kg plastic of rice for 2,460th a 3,6kg tin of glue for 1,550afs, one-lg of Indo-Gurman gold tea for 380avs and the same amount of black African tea for 380afs — higher than wholesale rates.

Haji Wadad Abdul Salehwar, a jeweler in Timor Shahee area of Kabul, said the price of one gram of Arab gold increased from 2,385afs to 2,550avs while the same quantity of Russian variety stood at 2,650avs.

Fuel and food prices remain unchanged.

Ahmad Ali, a worker at Wazirabad Fuel Station in Kabul said that one liter of petrol now costs 49 Afghanis as much as the same quantity of diesel fuel.

Ahmad Samim, who owns a grocery store in Taimani area of Kabul, said the price of one kilogram of the commodity stood at 300afs. (More on P.2-5)

Taliban Gun Down District’s Executive Head in Sar-i-Pul

SAR-I-PUL CTY — Taliban militants have shot dead the executive director for Gardani district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said Sunday.

Maulvi Zabihullah Ami, the governor’s spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Mohammad Taher Araz was shot dead on his way home from a mosque in Qalghaia locality on Saturday night.

But the ministries of defence and interior said their forces were not involved in the raid while the National Directorate of Security (NDS) media office said they were unaware of the matter.

Mohammad Shafiq Omari, resident of Khalili Wardak province.

He added security forces evicted his family members from the home in freezing cold and blown up his house with bombs. Omari said his family members were now living with relatives.

The university teacher threatened to quit the government job and join the Taliban if the person who gave wrong information... (More on P.6-7)

Outlook Horoscope

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